

mittee had agreed on H. N. Poulson for temporary secretary. The names of delegates were then handed in, and the vote was taken. In accordance with the agreement of the opposition to Holland to unite in organization, the delegations for Young, Maynard and Deal were voted for. The Holland delegates voted for Deal. This elected Deal by 87 to 86, and he took the platform amid the cheers of those who had voted for him.

Mr. Poulson spoke briefly. He said the honor was unexpected, at which the convention laughed. He predicted the election of the nominee.

Prejudices Fight. Mr. Wool offered the resolution which aroused one of the bitter fights of the morning session. It provided that the four delegations be assigned seats in the hall and that their votes be cast by their chairmen. Mr. West opposed this. He did not think the delegates should be voted like cattle. He was there to vote for Holland until the day of election and until Mr. Rumble was defeated. The Wool resolution, he continued, was a revolutionary proceeding for a Democratic body. As Mr. Hicks said, the resolution was merely intended to facilitate business. When he said there was no partisanship in it, he was jeered by the Holland delegates. Such a course, he said, was always followed in conventions where one man is selected to announce the votes. Mr. Whitehead, dealing a combination so far as Deal was concerned.

The vote was taken viva voce, and the chair said that the ayes seemed to have it. There was a disposition to question this and Chairman Poulson requested the galleries not to vote. Division being called for, there was the usual vote, 87 to 86, whereupon there was more applause.

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Mr. Parker said the convention had met for a solemn duty and that upon its decision rested the hope of the Democratic party in the Second District. He believed the nominee would be elected, but if by adopting unusual rules it attempted to thwart the will of the people this action would cost the party in the future thousands of votes. He appealed to the other candidates not to compromise.

Stands for Square Deal. Mr. West tried it next. It made him sick to think that delegates would combine in opposition to the will of the people. He stood for a square deal for every candidate, and for clean politics. No people and no State, he declared, would stand for such a proceeding except New York, dominated by Roosevelt.

This was an intemperate view to take, in the opinion of Mr. Hicks. He thought it was in harmony with the spirit of the meeting, at which, he declared, would stand for such a proceeding except New York, dominated by Roosevelt.

Mr. Parker tried it again. He denied that might makes right, and said that the people of the district never would agree with such a proposition. On a question of personal privilege, Mr. Parker moved the appointment of committees on credentials, permanent organization and resolutions, each city and county naming one member. This would have given Holland four, Young two and Maynard one member. A substitute was offered by Mr. Hicks that each of the four candidates name one member of each committee, and that the fifth be appointed by the chairman. This was the signal for bitter opposition from the Holland people.

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first, and when reached again cast one vote for Holland, retaining the rest. The Holland delegates went wild. But it was only a joke.

On the eighth of the Deal votes went to Young, and it was the turn of the men to rejoice. But it was all in fun.

The balloting then proceeded rapidly. All the delegations, excepting that of Mr. Holland, played with the situation. Time after time large or small blocks of votes were cast for candidates other than those which appointed them. At times J. V. Trehy, the young chairman, voted his entire strength for either Deal or Maynard, but it was always when it was impossible on account of the existing condition that the favored one could receive enough votes to secure the nomination. Deal could have named Maynard on the twenty-eighth ballot, and on the next Maynard could have named Deal. But they were careful not to do it. Had they tried it, some of the liberal chairmen would have promptly changed back. Once or twice one vote was given to Holland by Deal, and once to Deal by Maynard. But the National Convention did not carry out Young's votes. Chairman Parker, of the Holland delegates, stolidly cast his eighty votes every time. He made no effort to have any fun.

Chairman "Tool" of the Maynard delegation, had no objection of the situation than anybody else. He made his announcements dramatically, held forward names as long as possible when giving his votes, and took pleasure in twisting the solid Holland delegation. As the hours went by the delegates moved in and out of the hall, evidently believing that the fight would be long drawn out. The secret was the only man who worked. As time wore on Wednesday became more regular as ordered in the primary.

As soon as the one hundred and thirty ballot had been announced, J. V. Trehy arose and moved that the convention adjourn for one hour. He commented on the constancy of the deadlock and said that apparently the meeting was destined to last all night, and which was much more to the purpose, added that it looked as though some one other than the four candidates would be the nominee. His motion was agreed to without opposition.

Air Full of Rumors. If appearances around the Nansom Hotel for the next hour were not deceptive, the Holland people took no part in the conferences which were being held in the hall. The air was full of rumors when the delegates came back at 11:15, but the first ballot indicated no change, each delegation remaining solid and loyal. Balloting proceeded with much more rapidly. Mr. Wool cutting out his presence in the hall, the Holland forces, in the hall save Mr. Trehy, and it was presumed he was in conference with Young. Delegates were quiet, the monotonous calling of the secretary being uninterrupted. But there was a feeling of tension.

At the close of the one hundred and fifty-third ballot Mr. Whitehead arose and moved adjournment to 10 o'clock next morning. He said that the nomination would have to be decided outside and it was useless to stay in the hall and keep up the voting.

S. T. Montague of Portsmouth wanted to know who kept the name of Heaven the delegates would go if they adjourned, as there were no accommodations in the hall. He would have a policeman to look them up. A voice from the gallery shouted, "That's where you ought to be!"

Mr. Parker moved as a substitute that the convention adjourn for one hour, which was agreed to just before midnight.

The convention then, at 2 o'clock, adjourned to 3:30, the committee meeting in the interim.

Reassembling, the convention heard the report of the credentials committee, which carried out the results of the primary, as previously announced.

J. D. Hank, Jr., presented the report on resolutions. The reference to legalized primaries provoked applause. This report advised the adoption of the rules of the House of Delegates, except that no candidate be dropped without his written consent. Also that a chairman cast the votes. It was explained that this would throttle the body, but that if any one wanted to change his vote the chairman would accept accordingly. This was satisfactory to everybody and was unanimously agreed to.

On permanent organization the committee named J. Davis, of Portsmouth, a Maynard man, for chairman, and John B. Jenkins, of Norfolk, for secretary. There was no opposition. Mr. Davis said only a few words in taking the chair, pleading for party harmony. He then called for nominations for Congressmen. After some discussion it was decided that the names be called in the order in which they appeared on the ballot, that nominating speeches be limited to fifteen minutes and seconding remarks to five.

Deal to Resign. This brought Mr. Deal's name up first. Mr. Whitehead said that his man was not responsible for any disturbance in the district. As usual, the speeches mainly extolled the virtues of the candidates. With the exception of a few instances, there was little talk of recent party troubles.

J. D. Hank, Jr., seconded Deal's nomination. J. Kendrick nominated Mr. Holland. The latter's name was mentioned by his delegates arose and shouted in old-time convention style. J. E. Heath, E. H. Williams and John Story made the seconding speeches.

Mr. Maynard was named by Mr. Wool, and seconding remarks were made by B. W. Leigh and W. H. Shands. Mr. Leigh expressed hearty approval of the platform legalizing primaries.

For Young, Mr. Hicks made the opening speech. He reviewed the history of the two primary laws, and in concluding, "hurled back" intimations that his man was not the equal of any. B. A. Banks had something to say of the action of the State Committee, "unlike the tutelage of Senator Martin."

He said that Young had received worse treatment than had any man who was put up a brave political fight and won it. L. W. Eason made some personal allusions in praising Young, which the crowd did not like.

Mr. Young's friends being through, Mr. Whitehead asked for and obtained permission to present another seconding speech for Mr. Deal. I. T. Holt spoke briefly.

At 6:15 the convention voted to close nominations. Balloting was expected—Deal, 7; Holland, 80; Maynard, 17; Young, 62. No demonstrations attended the announcement of the vote.

The second and third ballots were taken without incident.

At the beginning of the fourth ballot Deal's delegates asked that he be passed temporarily, and everybody got interested. However, the others voted as before, and at the end Deal's votes were again cast for him. The same proceeding was had by the Deal men on the fifth ballot.

Here T. J. Wool moved adjournment to 8 o'clock, which was agreed to.

Night Meeting Begins. According to reports current in the convention hall when the night meeting began the conferences held during the recess had been unproductive.

The sixth ballot showed that the deadlock continued, but on the seventh something was doing. Deal passed at

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